Snoopy in Wimbledon

By Schulz

HEY, STUPID CAT! I'M THINKING OF GOING TO WIMBLEDON...
WHY DON'T YOU COME ALONG? IF I BREAK A STRING, I MAY NEED SOME EXTRA CAT GUT!!
SLASH!
HOW ABOUT MOUSE GUT?
IF I'M GOING TO WIMBLEDON, I SHOULD FIND OUT WHERE IT IS...
I'VE ALWAYS HAD AN IDEA IT WAS NEAR KANSAS CITY...
IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR WIMBLEDON, IT'S IN ENGLAND
REALLY?
I WAS SORT OF COUNTING ON A LAYOVER IN KANSAS CITY...

I ENVY YOU GOING TO ENGLAND
YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE A GREAT TIME... YOU'LL LIKE THE FOOD, TOO...
YOU CAN HAVE KIDNEY PIE EVERY NIGHT FOR DINNER!
MAYBE I'LL STAY HOME
?
YOU'RE LEAVING FOR WIMBLEDON NOW ?
BUT IT'S THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT!!
YOU ALWAYS LEAVE FOR WIMBLEDON AT NIGHT... IF YOU LOSE IN THE FIRST ROUND, NO ONE WILL EVER KNOW

WHERE'S YOUR DOG GOING IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT?
HE'S GOING TO WIMBLEDON
TO PLAY TENNIS?
GOOD LUCK, SNOOPY!!
CALL LOTS OF FOOT FAULTS!
THAT DOG OF MINE CAUSES ME MORE WORRY!
NOW, HE'S OFF TO WIMBLEDON...AT LEAST HE THINKS HE'S OFF TO WIMBLEDON...HE DOESN'T EVEN KNOW WHERE IT IS!
HOW IN THE WORLD DOES HE THINK HE'S GOING TO GET THERE?
I BEEN WORKIN' ON THE RAILROAD...

HERE'S SOMETHING INTERESTING..
"AUTHORITIES REPORTED TODAY THE FINDING OF A TENNIS RACKET FIVE MILES EAST OF TOWN NEAR THE RAILROAD TRACKS...FOUL PLAY IS SUSPECTED"
"NO FINGERPRINTS WERE PRESENT, BUT SMUDGES SIMILAR TO PAW PRINTS WERE ON THE RACKET"
"AUTHORITIES ADMITTED TO BEING PUZZLED"
I CAN'T STAND IT...
IT'S A LETTER FROM SNOOPY!
IS HE ALL RIGHT? WHERE IS HE? WHAT DOES HE SAY?
"DEAR ROUND-HEADED KID"
WHY CAN'T I HAVE A DOG WHO CAN AT LEAST REMEMBER MY NAME?

KANSAS CITY!
WOW! WHAT A PLACE!
I SHOULD SEND THAT ROUND-HEADED KID ANOTHER NOTE OR A CARD TO LET HIM KNOW I'M ALL RIGHT...
I WONDER IF YOU CAN GET GREETING CARDS IN KANSAS CITY...
"DEAR ROUND-HEADED KID..."
"TODAY I ARRIVED IN KANSAS CITY... WHILE I'M HERE, I'M GOING TO TRY TO SEE BELLE"
BELLE?!!
WHO IN THE WORLD IS BELLE?
"P.S. SAY HELLO TO WOODSTOCK FOR ME"
DO YOU KNOW WHO BELLE IS?
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BELLE?
HEY, LOOK AT THE FUNNY DOG!
GET AWAY FROM ME, KID, OR I'LL REARRANGE YOUR LANDSCAPE!!
THAT DOG WAS WEARING A TENNIS VISOR...
STUPID KID! HE LIVES IN KANSAS CITY, AND HE'S NEVER SEEN A TENNIS VISOR!
Dear Roundheaded Kid, I still haven't found Belle.
I am writing this letter in a store that sells typewriters.
Right now, a clerk is eyeing me rather suspiciously.
WHAT'S THE MATTER? DON'T I LOOK LIKE A CUSTOMER?

BELLE? BELLE?
HOW AM I EVER GOING TO FIND BELLE?
THE LAST I HEARD SHE HAS A TEEN-AGE SON, AND THAT WORTHLESS HOUND SHE MARRIED RAN OFF!
"I GUESS I FORGOT TO TELL YOU THAT BELLE IS MY SISTER...IF IT TURNS OUT THAT SHE NEEDS HELP, WILL YOU SEND SOME MONEY?"
MONEY? I DON'T HAVE ANY MONEY!
HE'S YOUR DOG, CHARLIE BROWN!
BELLE ALWAYS LIKED THE WATER...
I'LL BET IF I GO DOWN TO THE OCEAN AND JUST HANG AROUND, I'LL RUN INTO HER...
"AND SO I WALKED CLEAR AROUND KANSAS CITY, BUT I NEVER FOUND THE OCEAN...THIS HAS BEEN A VERY DISCOURAGING DAY"
AND NOW, I CAN'T EVEN REMEMBER WHY I'M WEARING THIS TENNIS VISOR!

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HEY! THIS DOG LOOKS LIKE BELLE!
BELLE? YOU KNOW BELLE?
SEE? HE LOOKS JUST LIKE THAT BEAGLE IN THE NEXT BLOCK...
BEAGLE?
BELLE!!!
ANOTHER LETTER FROM SNOOPY?
"DEAR ROUND-HEADED KID... GUESS WHAT HAPPENED!"
"I FOUND MY SISTER BELLE... AND WHAT A REUNION WE'RE HAVING! BELLE IS JUST AS BEAUTIFUL AS EVER"
"UNFORTUNATELY, I CAN'T SAY MUCH FOR HER TEEN-AGE SON"

"I SAID GOODBYE TO MY SISTER TODAY"
"WE HADN'T SEEN EACH OTHER FOR YEARS, AND MY VISIT WAS MUCH TOO SHORT"
"NEEDLESS TO SAY, OUR FAREWELL WAS TEARFUL"
SNIF
"BY THE TIME YOU RECEIVE THIS LETTER, I WILL BE ON A TRAIN HEADING FOR HOME"
"I GUESS I WON'T BE PLAYING AT WIMBLEDON AFTER ALL...I JUST HEARD THAT THEY STARTED WITHOUT ME"
ALL RIGHT FOR YOU GUYS!!

I'M SORRY YOU NEVER GOT TO PLAY AT WIMBLEDON
I WOULD HAVE WON IN STRAIGHT SETS!
DIDN'T I TELL YOU WIMBLEDON ISN'T NEAR KANSAS CITY?
I THINK THEY MOVED JUST SO I WOULDN'T GET TO PLAY!
RATS!
I WOULD HAVE WON, BUT I GOT OFF TO A BAD FINISH!

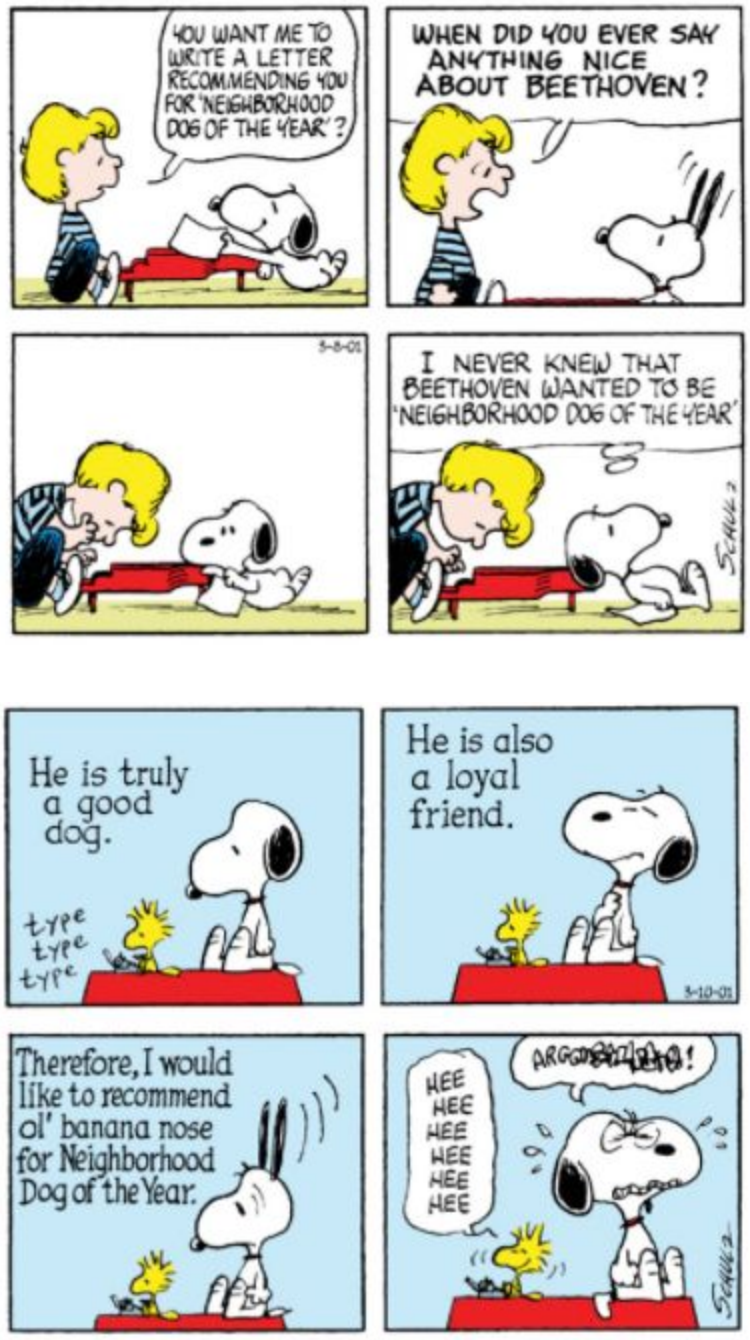
POW!
HE WHO LIVES BY THE POACH DIES BY THE POACH!
PAW FAULT ?!!

OKAY, HERE COMES THE BIGGIE!
THE BIGGIE WAS A SMALLIE!
9/21/00
AH!
THIS IS GOING TO BE A GOOD DAY...
I GOT THE NEW CAN OF BALLS OPEN WITHOUT CUTTING MYSELF!

HELLO, CHUCK? TELL MY SKATING PRO I'M ENTERING A COMPETITION, AND I NEED A FEW LESSONS...
11/2/00
SKATING PRO? I DON'T KNOW ANY SKATING PRO...
C'MON, CHUCK, GET WITH IT! YOU GOT THE BEST ONE IN THE BUSINESS RIGHT THERE..
HERE'S THE WORLD-FAMOUS CRABBY SKATING PRO WALKING OVER TO THE RINK TO CHEW SOMEBODY OUT...
11/4/00
WELL, PRO, WHAT DO YOU THINK?
BLEAH!!
THAT WAS A TEN-DOLLAR LESSON?

"TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE DAISY HILL PUPPY CUP, NOMINEE MUST FILL OUT THE ENCLOSED FORM"
Name of Owner_____
?
CHARLIE BROWN!!!
2-28-01
HOW EMBARRASSING..
YOU WANT ME TO WRITE A LETTER RECOMMENDING YOU FOR 'NEIGHBORHOOD DOG OF THE YEAR'?
I CAN'T DO IT... I DON'T THINK THAT YOU REALLY ARE TYPICAL OF A NEIGHBORHOOD DOG...
ZIP!
3-5-01
THIS IS BLACKMAIL!!

3-6-01
I would like to recommend Snoopy for Neighborhood Dog of the Year.
He is truly a dog among dogs.
HOW'S THAT?
GREAT!
WHAT A WAY TO GET YOUR BLANKET BACK!
WHAT A WAY TO GET A LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION!
LET'S SEE NOW... I HAVE TWO LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION
I HAVE ONE FROM THAT ROUND-HEADED KID AND ONE FROM THAT STUPID KID WITH THE BLANKET... I NEED THREE MORE..
3-7-01
FORGET IT!
SIGH


YOU WANT ME TO WRITE A LETTER RECOMMENDING YOU FOR 'NEIGHBORHOOD DOG OF THE YEAR'?
WHEN DID YOU EVER SAY ANYTHING NICE ABOUT BEETHOVEN?
5-8-01
I NEVER KNEW THAT BEETHOVEN WANTED TO BE 'NEIGHBORHOOD DOG OF THE YEAR'
He is truly a good dog.
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He is also a loyal friend.
3-10-01
Therefore, I would like to recommend ol' banana nose for Neighborhood Dog of the Year.
HEE HEE HEE HEE HEE HEE
ARGGHHHHHH!

IT'S IN THE PAPER!!!
THEY'VE ANNOUNCED THE WINNER OF THE "DAISY HILL PUPPY CUP"!
I THINK I'M GOING TO FAINT..
3-15-01
DON'T FAINT!
KLUNK!!
DIDN'T YOU HEAR ME?
QUIET PLEASE! NEVER INTERRUPT A GOOD FAINT!
THEY'VE ANNOUNCED THE WINNER...
DID I WIN? DID I WIN? TELL ME I WON! DID I WIN?
YOU DIDN'T WIN!
AAUGH!
I HATE THE WORLD! I HATE EVERYBODY AND EVERYTHING IN THE WHOLE STUPID WORLD-WIDE WORLD!!
THERE'S NOTHING LIKE A GOOD LOSER

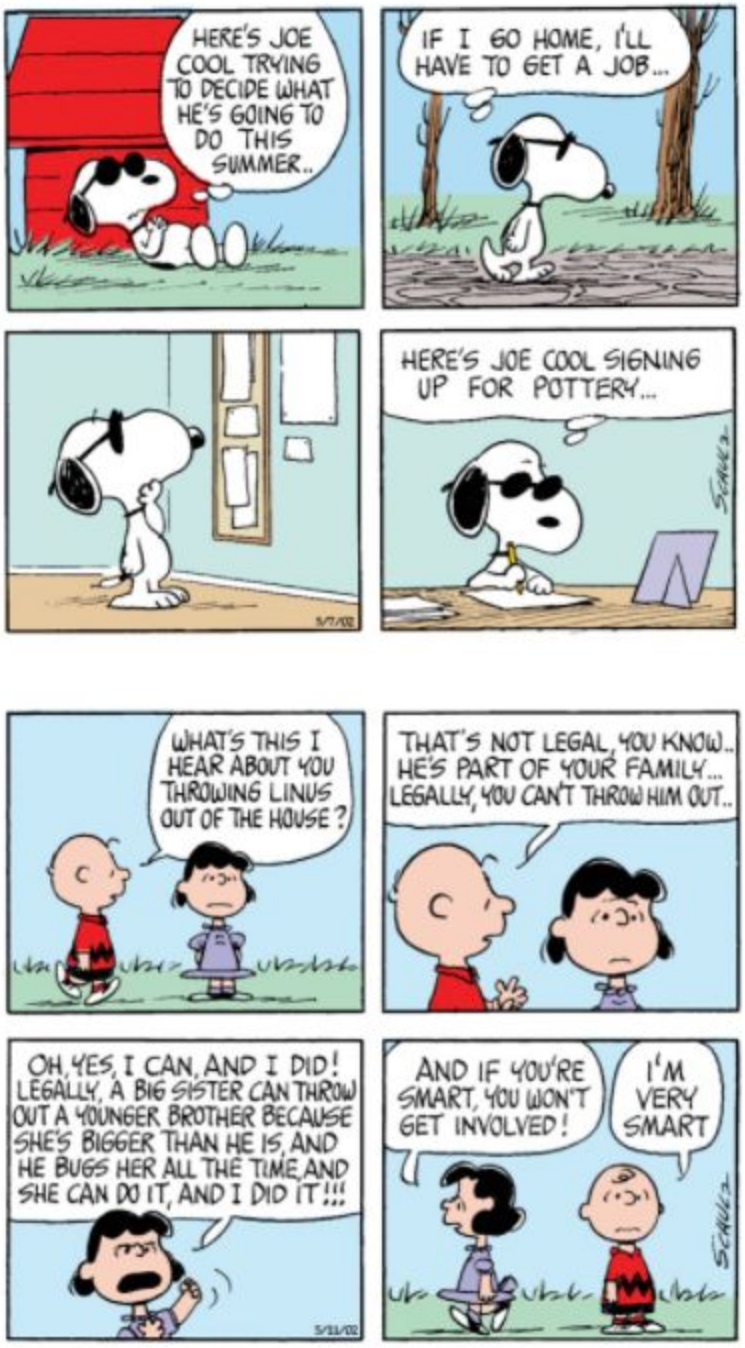
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!
YOU'RE GOING TO STOP EATING JUST BECAUSE YOU DIDN'T WIN THE DAISY HILL PUPPY CUP?
3-16-01
DOES YOUR STOMACH KNOW ABOUT THIS?
WE'VE TALKED IT OVER
YOUR STOMACH MUST BE VERY UNDERSTANDING
WE HAVE WHAT IS KNOWN AS A CLOSE RELATIONSHIP
BAM! BAM! BAM!
YOUR HUNGER STRIKE DIDN'T LAST VERY LONG, DID IT?
I LEARNED SOMETHING..
3-17-01
THE BRAIN MAY BE IMPORTANT..
..BUT THE STOMACH IS STILL IN CHARGE!

ANYONE NEED AN OPPONENT FOR SINGLES?
A FOURTH FOR DOUBLES?
5-31-01
A GUEST FOR LUNCH?
I HATE IT WHEN THEY RETURN MY SERVE!

8-7-01
OVERHEAD SMASH!
I HOPE HE DOUBLE-FAULTS...
PLEASE DOUBLE-FAULT! DOUBLE-FAULT! DOUBLE-FAULT! DOUBLE-FAULT!
9/3/01
THAT WAS TOO BAD!

THERE IT IS! A VINE-COVERED COTTAGE WITH ROSE BUSHES, A WILLOW TREE AND A PICKET FENCE!
THERE IT STANDS, JUST AS I HAD IMAGINED IT! OH, MISS SWEETSTORY, I'VE FOUND YOU AT LAST!
WHEN SHE ANSWERS THE DOOR, I'LL REMOVE MY DOG DISH AS IF IT WERE A HAT, I'LL BOW AND IN A VERY DIGNIFIED MANNER I'LL SAY,...
"HI, SWEETIE!"
A Biography of Helen Sweetstory
YOU'RE BACK! WHEN DID YOU GET BACK? DID YOU MEET MISS SWEETSTORY? DID YOU INTERVIEW HER? WHAT IS SHE LIKE?
DID SHE ANSWER ALL YOUR QUESTIONS? WAS SHE NICE?
DOES SHE REALLY LIVE IN A VINE-COVERED COTTAGE?
I MAY HAVE TO RENT A STUDIO DOWNTOWN..

Helen Sweetstory was born on a small farm on April 5, 1950.
I THINK I'LL SKIP ALL THE STUFF ABOUT HER PARENTS AND GRANDPARENTS...THAT'S ALWAYS KIND OF BORING...
I'LL ALSO SKIP ALL THE STUFF ABOUT HER STUPID CHILDHOOD... I'LL GO RIGHT TO WHERE THE ACTION BEGAN...
It was raining the night of her high-school prom.
THIS IS KIND OF AN INTERESTING ARTICLE
"MISS HELEN SWEETSTORY, AUTHOR OF THE 'BUNNY-WUNNY' SERIES, DENIED THAT THE STORY OF HER LIFE WAS BEING WRITTEN..'SUCH A BIOGRAPHY IS COMPLETELY UNAUTHORIZED,' SHE SAID..."
WELL! WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THAT?
HERE'S THE WORLD WAR I FLYING ACE ZOOMING THROUGH THE AIR IN HIS SOPWITH CAMEL!


HERE'S JOE COOL TRYING TO DECIDE WHAT HE'S GOING TO DO THIS SUMMER..
IF I GO HOME, I'LL HAVE TO GET A JOB...
HERE'S JOE COOL SIGNING UP FOR POTTERY...
SCHULZ
WHAT'S THIS I HEAR ABOUT YOU THROWING LINUS OUT OF THE HOUSE?
THAT'S NOT LEGAL, YOU KNOW.. HE'S PART OF YOUR FAMILY... LEGALLY, YOU CAN'T THROW HIM OUT..
OH, YES, I CAN, AND I DID! LEGALLY, A BIG SISTER CAN THROW OUT A YOUNGER BROTHER BECAUSE SHE'S BIGGER THAN HE IS, AND HE BUGS HER ALL THE TIME, AND SHE CAN DO IT, AND I DID IT!!!
AND IF YOU'RE SMART, YOU WON'T GET INVOLVED!
I'M VERY SMART
SCHULZ

KICKED OUT OF MY OWN HOME BY MY OWN SISTER.. I CAN'T BELIEVE IT...
HERE'S JOE COOL HANGING AROUND THE DORM...
KICKED OUT... NO PLACE TO GO...
HI, JOE... MIND IF I STAY HERE FOR AWHILE?
OUR DORM SEEMS TO GET ALL THE WEIRDOS!
HI!
GO AWAY.. YOU DON'T LIVE HERE ANY MORE!
I WAS JUST CHECKING
WHO'S YOUR FRIEND?
OH, THIS IS JOE COOL... WE LIVE IN THE SAME DORM
I THINK YOU'RE BOTH OUT OF YOUR MIND!
YOU GET THAT WAY WHEN YOU LIVE IN A DORM TOO LONG..

5/21/02
WHAT I DON'T UNDERSTAND IS WHY YOUR MOTHER WOULD ALLOW LUCY TO THROW YOU OUT OF THE HOUSE...
MOM ISN'T HOME...SHE WENT TO THE HOSPITAL YESTERDAY
!
IS SHE ALL RIGHT?
I DON'T KNOW.. NOBODY EVER TELLS ME ANYTHING...
A NEW BABY BROTHER?!! BUT I JUST GOT RID OF THE OLD ONE!!!
A NEW BABY BROTHER! I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!
5/22/02
YOU MIGHT AS WELL COME BACK IN... I CAN'T FIGHT THE WHOLE WORLD
WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT?
DAD JUST CALLED FROM THE HOSPITAL...WE HAVE A NEW BABY BROTHER!
A NEW BABY BROTHER!?
I THROW ONE OUT, AND ANOTHER COMES IN! YOU CAN'T SHOVEL WATER WITH A PITCHFORK

I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY YOU STAY UP THERE IN THE HOT SUN..
YOU'D BE MUCH COOLER SLEEPING OVER THERE UNDERNEATH THAT TREE
I NEVER SLEEP UNDERNEATH A TREE..
7/8/02
THAT'S A GOOD WAY TO GET HOPPED ON BY A HEDGE TOAD!
SCHULZ
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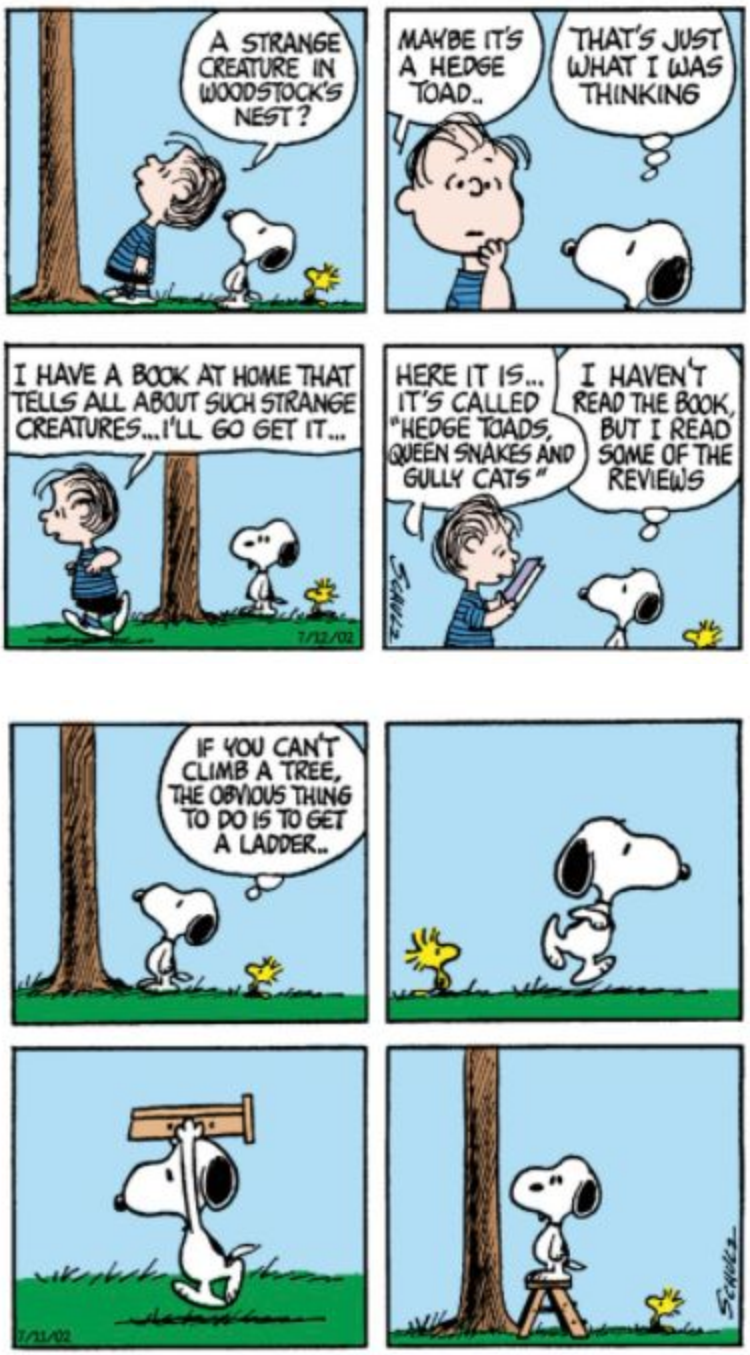
A STRANGE CREATURE IN YOUR NEST?
WHEN THERE'S A STRANGE CREATURE IN YOUR NEST, IT'S ALMOST ALWAYS A HEDGE TOAD..
7/9/02
I LEARNED THAT IN "ANTHRO 1."
SCHULZ


A STRANGE CREATURE IN WOODSTOCK'S NEST?
MAYBE IT'S A HEDGE TOAD..
THAT'S JUST WHAT I WAS THINKING
I HAVE A BOOK AT HOME THAT TELLS ALL ABOUT SUCH STRANGE CREATURES...I'LL GO GET IT...
7/12/02
HERE IT IS... IT'S CALLED "HEDGE TOADS, QUEEN SNAKES AND GULLY CATS"
I HAVEN'T READ THE BOOK, BUT I READ SOME OF THE REVIEWS
SCHULZ
IF YOU CAN'T CLIMB A TREE, THE OBVIOUS THING TO DO IS TO GET A LADDER..
7/13/02
SCHULZ

WE'RE GETTING THERE, SNOOPY!
WE'RE GOING TO CLIMB THIS TREE, AND FIND OUT WHO'S IN WOODSTOCK'S NEST...
WE MADE IT! I'M AT THE TOP OF THE TREE!
7/15/02
IF THIS IS THE TOP OF THE TREE, WHY IS THE SKY GREEN?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING UP IN THAT TREE?
LOOKING FOR SOMETHING... CAN YOU SEE SNOOPY? WE CLIMBED UP HERE TOGETHER, BUT NOW I DON'T SEE HIM...
BEAGLES CAN'T CLIMB TREES..
7/17/02
YOU'RE RIGHT!
KLUNK!

THIS IS THE "STRANGE CREATURE" THAT WAS IN YOUR NEST?
THIS IS AN EGG! HOW COULD ANYONE NOT RECOGNIZE AN EGG?
7/20/02
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THAT'S THE WORST EXCUSE I'VE EVER HEARD!
SIGH!
SCHULZ
SMAK!
POMPON GIRLS CAN'T RESIST A SUPERSTAR!
SCHULZ

GO STRAIGHT OUT, SNOOPY, AND THEN CUT LEFT... I'LL FAKE A RUN, AND PASS IT...
9/21/02
DO YOU THINK THAT'S A GOOD PLAY?
SMAK!
HE THINKS IT'S A GOOD PLAY!
SCHULZ
PUNT!
9/11/02
BONK!!
IF YOU DON'T PLAY EVERY DAY, YOU LOSE THAT FINE EDGE...
SCHULZ

YOU GOT A CODED MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD BEAGLE?
CAN YOU READ IT? HAVE YOU FIGURED IT OUT? WHAT DOES IT SAY?
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT...
"THOMPSON IS IN TROUBLE!"
THOMPSON?! WHO IS THOMPSON?
THAT STUPID THOMPSON! HE'S DONE IT AGAIN!!
THOMPSON ?
THOMPSON ?
HMM...THERE'S A LITTLE RESTAURANT THAT LOOKS FULL OF SHADY TYPES...
MAYBE THE WAITRESS KNOWS THOMPSON... I'LL GO IN, AND SLYLY STRIKE UP A CONVERSATION WITH HER...
HI, SWEETIE!

THAT WAITRESS SAID SHE SAW THOMPSON HEADING NORTH OF TOWN..
10/9/02
THAT STUPID THOMPSON! THIS IS JUST THE SORT OF THING I KNEW HE'D DO!
I SHOULD BE BACK IN THE RESTAURANT QUAFFING ROOT BEERS WITH THAT WAITRESS... I THINK SHE KIND OF LIKED ME..
NOW, IT'S RAINING, AND I'M GETTING ALL WET AND I'M PROBABLY LOST...THAT STUPID THOMPSON!!
Report to the Head Beagle
Subject: Our Beagle in the field, Thompson.
Subject attempted to subdue ten-thousand rabbits by himself. End came quickly.
10/11/02
Rabbit-tat-tat, and it was all over!
SCHULZ

I WAS SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT THOMPSON..
POOR THOMPSON
I SUPPOSE YOU'LL NEVER KNOW WHAT REALLY HAPPENED, WILL YOU?
ON THE CONTRARY
I KNOW EXACTLY WHAT HAPPENED...
10/12/02
THOSE RABBITS MADE HIM AN OFFER HE COULDN'T REFUSE!
YOU'RE SO SMUG!
YOU THINK YOU'VE GOT IT MADE, DON'T YOU? YOU THINK YOU'RE KING BECAUSE YOU'RE THE ONLY ANIMAL AROUND HERE!
WELL, YOU KNOW WHAT I'M GONNA DO? I'M GONNA GET A CAT!
YOU WOULDN'T!?!

A CAT?
SURE, WHY NOT?
I ASKED MY MOTHER IF SHE'D BUY ME ONE, AND SHE SAID SHE WOULD!
BUT WHAT ABOUT SNOOPY? WHAT WILL HE DO WHEN HE HEARS ABOUT THIS?
HE KNOWS ALL ABOUT IT!
SCHULZ
WHAT'S THE SENSE IN GETTING A CAT? WHY STIR UP A LOT OF TROUBLE?
BECAUSE IT HAS TO BE DONE! SNOOPY HAS HAD IT TOO GOOD AROUND HERE FOR TOO LONG A TIME! HE HAS TO BE STOPPED!
SOMEBODY HAS TO PUT HIM IN HIS PLACE!
ARE YOU BRINGING IN A CAT OR A GUNFIGHTER?
TOUCHÉ!!

HEY! COME, AND SEE!
FRIEDA'S GOT HER CAT!!
OH, NO!
IT'S HAPPENING, AND I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!
THIS IS TERRIBLE...
TO ME, CATS ARE THE CRAB GRASS IN THE LAWN OF LIFE!
SCHULZ
FARON, THIS IS SNOOPY... SNOOPY, THIS IS FARON..
I'LL LEAVE YOU TWO ALONE TO GET ACQUAINTED...
WHAT DO YOU SAY TO CATS?

CAN'T THAT CAT OF YOURS WALK?
OF COURSE, HE CAN WALK, BUT CATS ARE VERY DELICATE CREATURES...THEY DON'T LIKE TO GET THEIR FEET DIRTY!
SANDBAGGER!!
AMAZING!
THEY'VE FINALLY DEVELOPED A BONELESS CAT!

FRIEDA! COME, AND GET YOUR CAT!!
THIS IS TERRIBLE... I CAN'T CARRY THIS CAT AROUND FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE...
THAT DIRTY CHARLIE BROWN! THIS WAS **HIS** WORK! **HE** WAS THE ONE WHO TRICKED ME!
AND THE LEAST **YOU** COULD DO IS LOOK A LITTLE **GUILTY**!!
..AND THEN, SALLY, ON HALLOWEEN NIGHT, THE GREAT PUMPKIN APPEARS!
HE FLIES THROUGH THE AIR, AND BRINGS TOYS TO ALL THE CHILDREN OF THE WORLD!
HA!
I DON'T THINK SHE BELIEVED ME...

DEAR GREAT PUMPKIN, HOW HAVE YOU BEEN?
WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO YOUR COMING ON HALLOWEEN NIGHT WITH YOUR BAG FULL OF PRESENTS. I HAVE TRIED TO BE A GOOD BOY ALL YEAR.
HAVE YOU NOTICED?

PEACE!
IF YOU'RE AN ANIMAL, YOU ALWAYS HAVE TO BE ON THE ALERT...
SOMETIMES JUST THE HEARING OF THE SNAP OF A TWIG MAY MEAN THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN LIFE AND DEATH..
AAUGH!!!
SNAP
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Snoopy is in Wimbledon! Back home, Peppermint Patty gets a cheap lesson, Charlie Brown discovers Belle's Teenage Son and Charlie Brown also discovers that Snoopy is in trouble! But, Snoopy is on the Run!